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1. From January to the end of September the Soviet Union supplied Viet Minh forces with the following military materiel:*

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Rifles	93,805
Light and heavy machine guns	125
30.5 mm (sic) anti-aircraft guns	6
Mountain guns	14
Armored cars	25
Ammunition	3,400 cases
Other equipment	870 tons

All of the ammunition, mountain guns, anti-aircraft guns, and 31,905 of the rifles were delivered during September.**

2. Early in August the Chinese Communists established supply stations in Manning (108-18, 22-48), Tunghsing (107-58, 21-33), Lungchou (106-56, 22-22), and Cao Bang in Indochina to facilitate transportation of military equipment into Indochina.
3. LI Wen-ch'in (李文欽) was director of the Manning station and was assisted by ten Soviet technicians. All Chinese and Soviet materiel intended for Viet Minh forces was concentrated at the Manning station before transshipment into Indochina. On 10 August a liaison group of about twenty people headed by LIANG Te-ch'uan (梁德全) arrived at Manning. This group was responsible for the procurement and transportation of the materiel.
4. On 13 September the highway bureaus and transportation organizations of Yunnan and Kwangsi ordered the cessation of all commercial transportation and asked that all commercial and public vehicles be registered with the government for use in helping Viet Minh forces.
5. In early September 3,000 Viet Minh troops arrived in Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09), Lungchou, and Leio'ing (106-59, 22-37) to receive Soviet military materiel.***

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6. Chinese Communists planned to establish an arsenal in Indochina which was scheduled to be in partial operation by the end of October 1950.

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Comment. There were probably other shipments of military materiel of which no record was obtained.

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Comment. According to information available to this office, the Chinese Communists supplied 800 light and heavy machine guns and 270 other guns to Viet Minh forces between July and October.

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Comment. Since March 1950 one regiment of the 41 Army and one regiment of the 46 Army have been assigned to ship military supplies to the Viet Minh forces.

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